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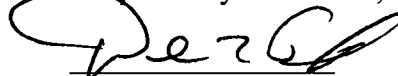
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Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 61-26705 appears to disclose a pipe joint. The pipe joint is double joint structure having tubular groove for connection of pipes.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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		Country Code <sup>3</sup> - Number <sup>4</sup> - Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		JP61-26705	8/9/1986	Wakatsuki		No
		JP2001-159481	6/12/2001	Kurosu		Yes
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